

30. (once amended) A constituent delivery system for maintaining a liquid constituent and a solid constituent separate from each other until combining, said constituents comprising:

- (a) a container having a closed bottom and an open top and adapted to contain said liquid constituent;
- (b) a first lid in sealed relationship with said open container top for separating said liquid and solid constituents, maintaining said liquid constituent sterile, and said first lid adapted to be broken under pressure applied through ~~said~~ a third lid, ~~said~~ a second lid, and said solid constituent;
- (c) a said second lid in sealed relationship with said first lid and having a central cavity adapted to contain said solid constituent between said first and second lids and maintaining said solid constituent sterile, said second lid having a syringe receiving stopper; and
- (d) a said third lid in sealed relationship with and covering said second lid to maintain said second lid sterile.

Please amend claim 34 as follows:

34. (once amended) A method for combining a liquid constituent and a solid constituent while maintaining a sterile environment comprising:

- (a) providing a constituent delivery system containing a liquid and solid constituent comprising:
 - i. a container having a closed bottom and an open top and containing said liquid constituent;

- ii. a first lid in sealed relationship with said open container top for separating said liquid and solid constituents and maintaining said liquid constituent sterile and adapted to be broken under pressure applied through ~~said a~~ third lid, ~~said a~~ second lid, and said solid constituent;
- iii. a said second lid in sealed relationship with said first lid and having a central cavity which contains said solid constituent between said first and second lids and maintaining said solid constituent sterile, said second lid having a syringe-receiving stopper; and
- iv. a said third lid in sealed relationship with and covering said second lid to maintain said second lid sterile; and

(b) applying pressure to a portion of said third and said second lids so as to apply pressure to said solid constituent and thereby cause said solid constituent to penetrate said first lid and enter into said container where said liquid and solid constituents become combined and maintained in a sterile environment.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 (canceled).

Claim 30 (currently amended) A constituent delivery system for maintaining a liquid constituent and a solid constituent separate from each other until combining, said constituents comprising:

- (a) a container having a closed bottom and an open top and adapted to contain said liquid constituent;
- (b) a first lid in sealed relationship with said open container top for separating said liquid and solid constituents, maintaining said liquid constituent sterile, and said first lid adapted to be broken under pressure applied through ~~said a~~ third lid, ~~said a~~ second lid, and said solid constituent;
- (c) a said second lid in sealed relationship with said first lid and having a central cavity adapted to contain said solid constituent between said first and second lids and maintaining said solid constituent sterile, said second lid having a syringe receiving stopper; and
- (d) a said third lid in sealed relationship with and covering said second lid to maintain said second lid sterile.

Claim 31 (previously presented) The constituent delivery system of claim 30, wherein said solid constituent comprises a capsule.

Claim 32 (previously presented) The constituent delivery system of claim 30, wherein said container further comprises a well at said closed bottom.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The constituent delivery system of claim 30, wherein said third lid is adapted to be peeled from said second lid.

Claim 34 (currently amended) A method for combining a liquid constituent and a solid constituent while maintaining a sterile environment comprising:

(a) providing a constituent delivery system containing a liquid and solid constituent comprising:

i. a container having a closed bottom and an open top and containing said liquid constituent;

ii. a first lid in sealed relationship with said open container top for separating said liquid and solid constituents and maintaining said liquid constituent sterile and adapted to be broken under pressure applied through ~~said~~ a third lid, ~~said~~ a second lid, and said solid constituent;

iii. a said second lid in sealed relationship with said first lid and having a central cavity which contains

said solid constituent between said first and second
 lids and maintaining said solid constituent sterile,
 said second lid having a syringe-receiving stopper;
 and

 iv. a said third lid in sealed relationship with and
 covering said second lid to maintain said second lid
 sterile; and

 (b) applying pressure to a portion of said third and said
 second lids so as to apply pressure to said solid
 constituent and thereby cause said solid constituent to
 penetrate said first lid and enter into said container where
 said liquid and solid constituents become combined and
 maintained in a sterile environment.

Claim 35 (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said solid constituent
comprises a capsule.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising removing said
first lid from said sealed relationship with said second lid and
thereby exposing said syringe-receiving stopper and
maintaining said sterile environment.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said third lid is removed by
peeling said third lid from said second lid.

Claim 38 (previously presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising inserting a syringe into the container through said syringe-receiving stopper and withdrawing said combined constituents.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said combined constituents comprise a medicinal preparation.